



BOOMERANG

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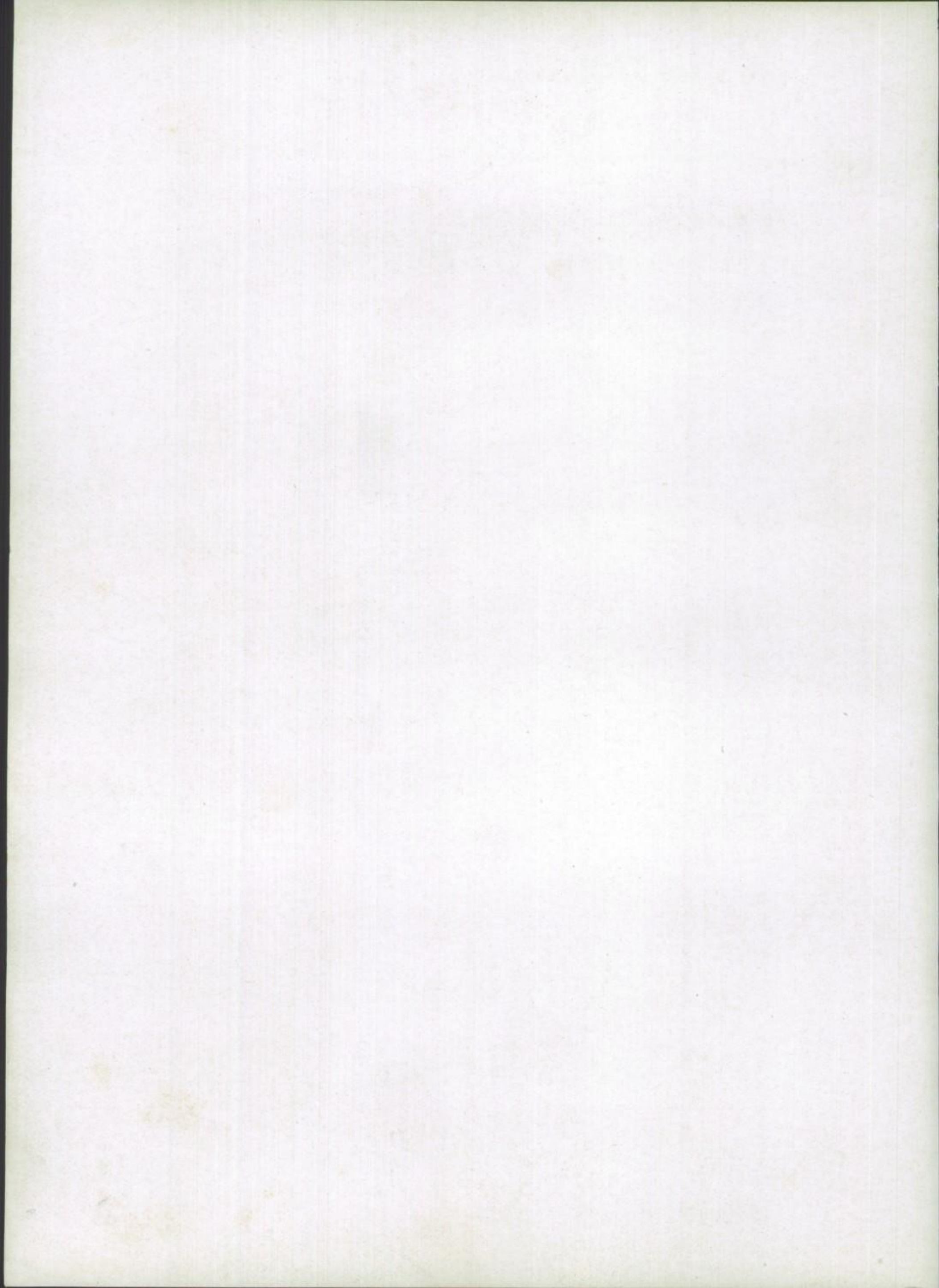
Roy

Dale

Woods

Sophomore

Class of '49"



DEDICATION

THIS VOLUME OF THE BOOMERANG
IS DEDICATED WITH SINCERITY AND
GRATEFULNESS TO THE ATHLETIC
DEPARTMENT OF AVON HIGH
SCHOOL, WHOSE TIRELESS EF-
FORTS, IN DEFEAT AS WELL AS
VICTORY, HAS BROUGHT RECOG-
NITION TO US.

BOOMERANG STAFF

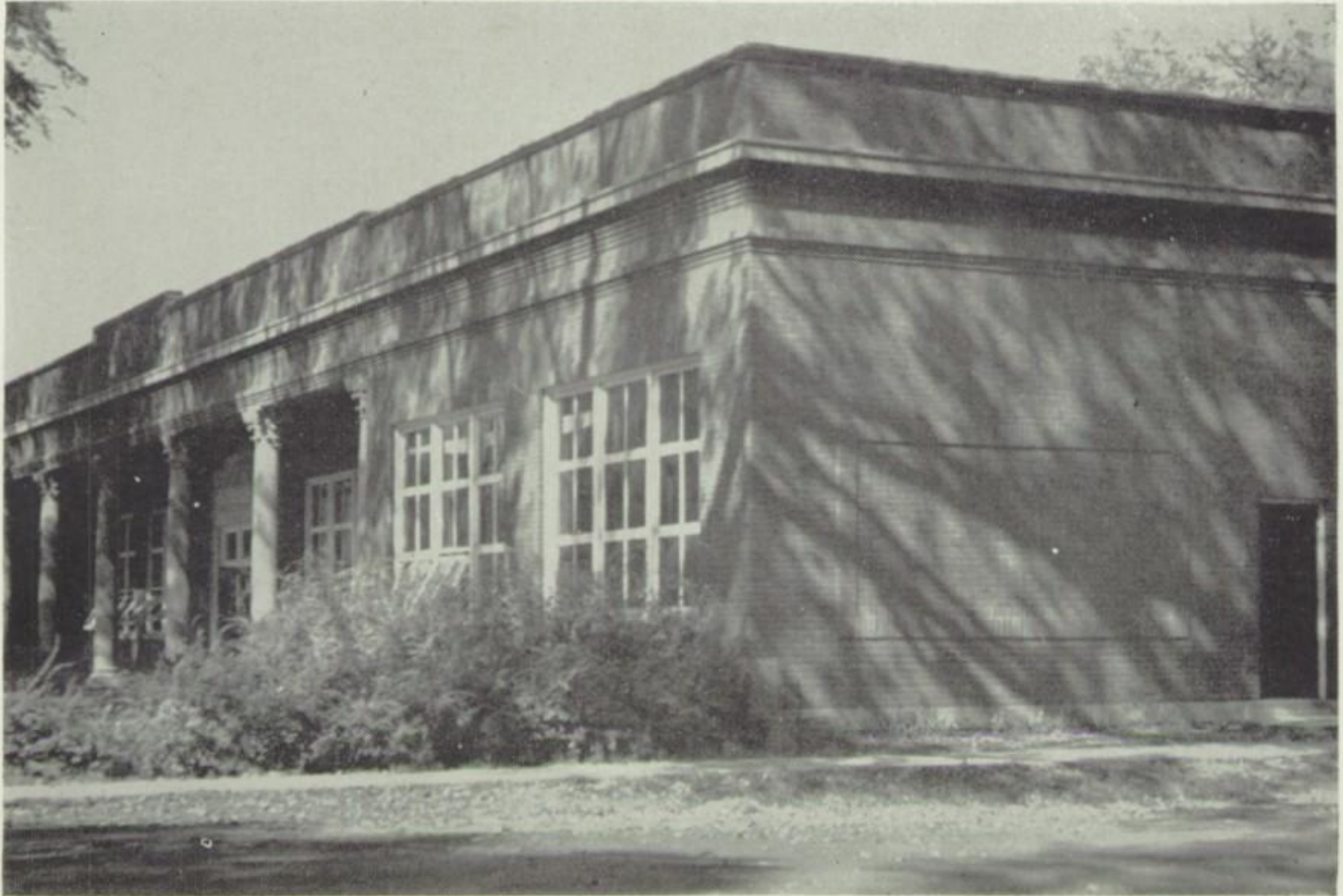
The work of the Eoomerang Staff starts the first day of school and ends only when the last yearbook gets to its owner. Some of their duties consist of the calendar, or events of the year; write-ups of activities, parties and organizations; collecting snapshots, and gloss prints; and last but far from least, the setting up of each page of the yearbook. This year's staff has also sold many bottles of coke to help cover the expense of the yearbook.

Heading the production staff are Corinne Euck as Editor; Lois Smick as Assistant Editor; and Jane Grice as Business Manager.

First row, left to right: Anita Moon, Lois Ogden, Roberta Powell, Jane Grice, Business Manager; Carl Bovard, Miss Bull, Advisor; Charles Cannon, Donald Orwig, Jack Baker, John Wingate. Second row: Pauline Fullerton, Helen Armstrong, Mary E. McVay, Alberta Reihm, Ilene Gillett, Lois Smick, Assistant Editor; Corinne Buck, Editor. Third row: Eill Wheeler, Virginia Hampton, Ray Lock, Ray Carrico.



OUR SCHOOL



MAIN BUILDING



DOWNTOWN BUILDING

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The members of the Board of Education donate their time to serve the community and the school, to help provide a better school and one of which we can justly be proud.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE:

Victor H. Schleich-----President
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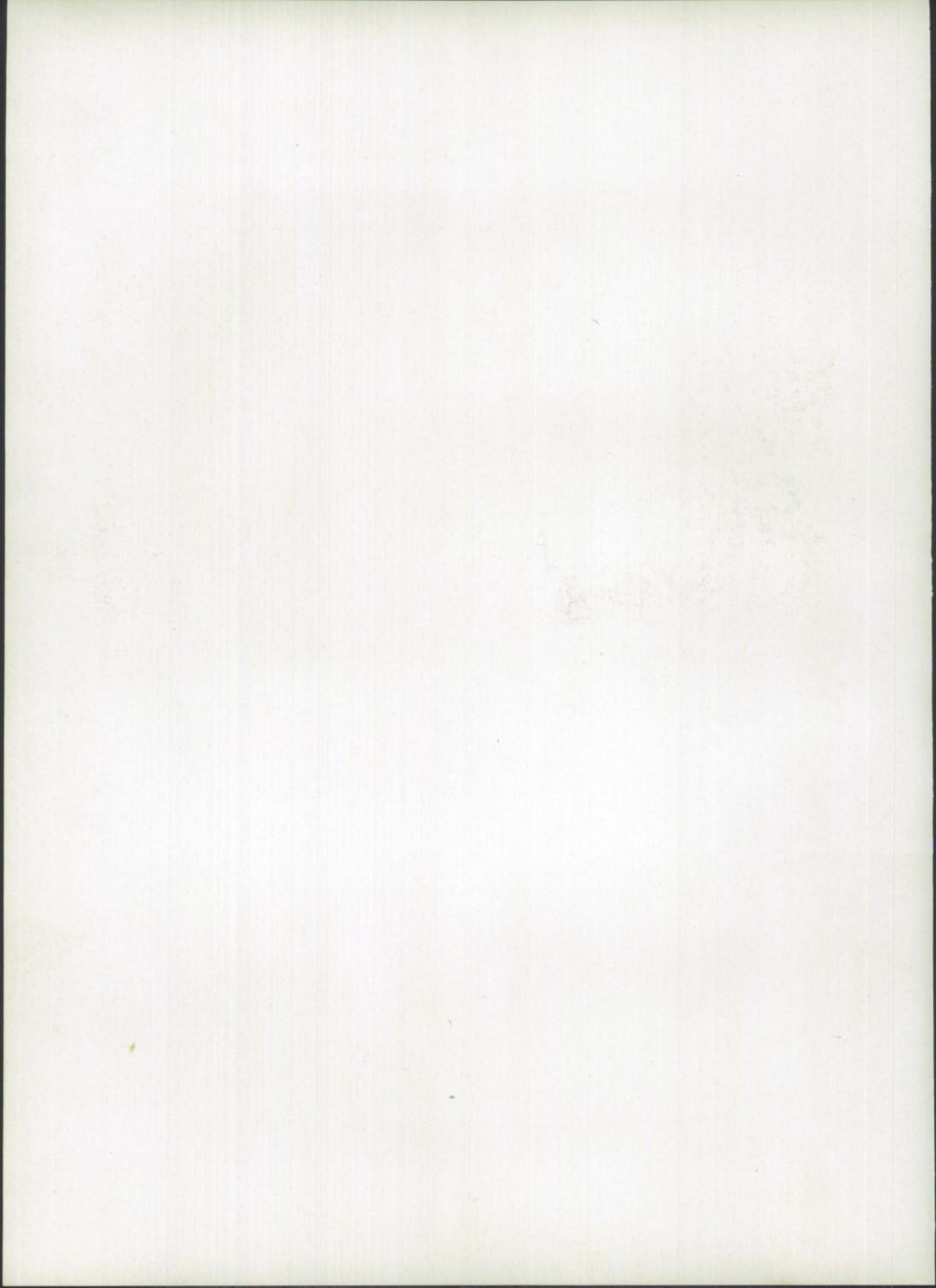
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Mrs. Barbara Reihm

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Mrs. Donna Hatch

Mrs. Martha Davis

Mrs. Ruby Duffy

Miss Barbara Bull

Mr. Earl Olson

FACULTY



EARL L. OLSON, Principal



Barbara Bull



Martha Davis

Martha M. Davis



Royce Davis



Ruby Duffy

*Sincerely,
Ruby Duffy*

EARL L. OLSON

Mr. Earl L. Olson graduated from high school at Sycamore, Illinois. He worked a year in Chicago, and then attended N. I. S. T. C. at DeKalb for two years. There he was the captain of the basketball squad in 1923 and 1924. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin. After teaching 1½ years at Woodstock, Illinois, he returned to the University of Wisconsin in 1928, where he received his Ph. B. degree. There he was pledged to the Phi Sigma Phi, honorary physics fraternity. In 1934 he received his Ph. M. degree, as a result of his summer study. Before he came to Avon in the fall of 1943, he taught at Libertyville and Barrington. Besides being our principal, he teaches general science and physics. His hobby is contract bridge.

BARBARA BULL

Miss Barbara Bull graduated from A.C.H.S. in 1942. For her advanced schooling she went to Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois. She received her B. S. degree in Education there but before returning to Avon this year, she did practice teaching in the Bardolph High School and the Macomb Academy. Here in Avon, she teaches bookkeeping, shorthand, typing I, and typing II. Her pastimes are reading, dancing and traveling. She is head sponsor of the Freshman Class and faculty advisor for the Boomerang Staff.

MARTHA DAVIS

Mrs. Martha (Welsh) Davis graduated from A.C.H.S. in 1938 and received her B. A. degree in 1942 from Knox College in Galesburg. She taught in Media school for two years, and then returned to Avon in the fall of 1944 to teach English I, II, III, IV. She is the only faculty sponsor of the Senior Class. Her hobby is reading.

ROYCE DAVIS

Mr. Royce Davis graduated from A.C.H.S. in 1938. He then attended Knox College in Galesburg, where he majored in Music Education, and graduated from there in 1942. For four years he was solo cornetist in the Knox band, and he was a tenor in the choir for three years. Also, he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Phi Sigma Kappa. He then attended R. O. T. C. for three years. This is his second year of directing the band, yet he has directed the summer band in Avon for several years. "Tinkerin'" is his hobby.

RUBY DUFFY

Mrs. Ruby (Wiley) Duffy attended Irving High School and Hillsboro High School where she graduated in 1921. She received her college training at Carthage College in Carthage, Illinois, from where she graduated in 1925. In 1931 and 1936 she took summer courses there. In the fall of 1944 she came to A. C. H. S. and she teaches biology, solid geometry, advanced algebra, social geography, trigonometry, Latin I, and Latin II. She is also director of the class plays, faculty sponsor of the Librarian's Club, and head sponsor of the Junior Class. Teaching is her job, housekeeping is her pastime.



Fred Hall

*Wishing you the
best possible
Lehman Hughes*



Donna Hatch



Rebecca Hughes



Robert Slayton



Richard Stearns

FRED HALL

Mr. Fred Hall graduated from Maple Wood High School at Camp Point, Illinois. He attended college at W. I. S. T. C. and received his B. S. degree in Social Science at Quincy College. He taught in Vrsia, Liberty, Lorraine, Hershman, and Table Grove, before coming to Avon last year. He teaches civics, economics, algebra I, plane geometry, business arithmetic, and practical math. Mr. Hall is now doing graduate work in social science at Bradley University in Peoria. His hobby is reading. He is head sponsor of the Sophomore Class.

DONNA HATCH

Mrs. Donna Hatch graduated from A.C.H.S. in 1906. She received her advanced training at Knox Conservatory in Galesburg, Bush Conservatory in Chicago, and the Christiansen Choral School at Lake Forest, Illinois. Mrs. Hatch belongs to the Delta Kappa Gamma, a National Honorary Teachers' Fraternity. She taught at Bushnell and Fairview before coming back to Avon. Now she is "dean" of the faculty, for she has been here for twenty-four years. She is very well-known in this territory for her musical ability, and is kept busy with her chorus and vocal directing. "Music is her vocation, and also her avocation. Boys and girls are her hobby.

REBECCA HUGHES

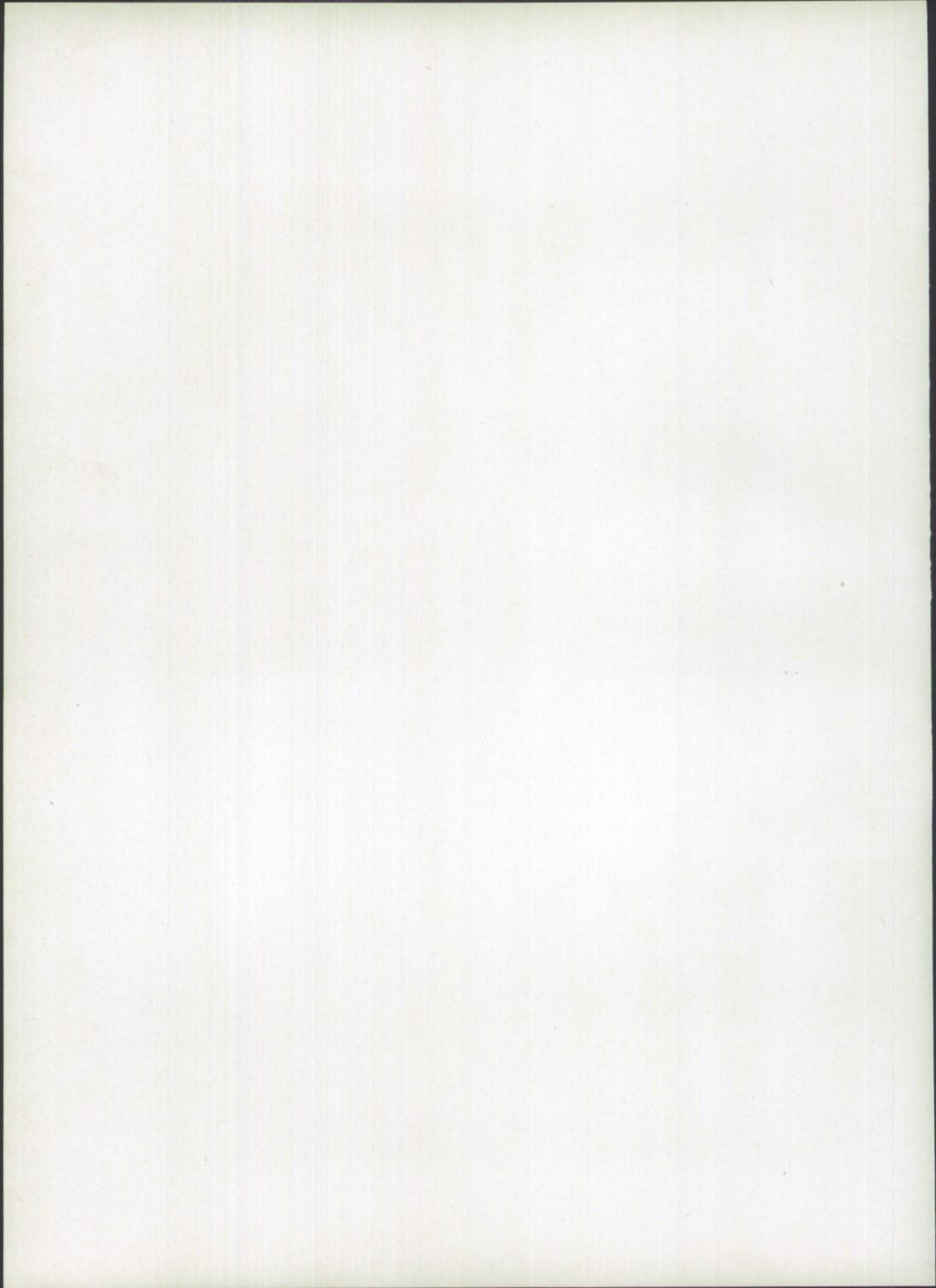
Miss Rebecca Hughes graduated from Trigg County High School in Cadiz, Kentucky. She attended Western Kentucky State Teachers College in Bowling Green and received her B. S. degree while there. She was editor of the college yearbook, and was also elected "Campus Favorite" and was selected as one of the members in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges" during her four years at Western. She taught one year in Gideon, Missouri, before coming to Avon to teach Home Economics I, II, III and to coach girls' P. E. She is assistant sponsor of the Sophomore Class, student council and F. H. A. advisor. She chooses dancing and cooking as her hobbies.

ROBERT SLAYTON

Mr. Robert Slayton graduated from Fairview High School in 1937. He attended Blackburn College in Carlinville for two years. After graduating from Blackburn, he went to the University of Illinois where he received his B. S. Degree in Agriculture in 1941. For two years he taught at Hillsdale, Illinois, and then taught at Fairview until he was called into the army. This is his first year of teaching in Avon, and his subject is agriculture. The Junior Class has him for an assistant sponsor, and he has no hobby.

RICHARD STEARNS

Mr. Richard Stearns went to high school in Detroit, Michigan for two years, and then came to Galesburg, Illinois, to finish high school in 1935. During these years he was very active in sports. He went into business for a year, and was then offered a contract with the St. Louis Cardinals, but refused the offer to go to college. He attended college at Macomb Teachers College and graduated in 1940. While there he was captain of the basketball team, and lettered in all sports, receiving 12 in all. He has attended Grimes Baseball School and also played in the National A. U. with the Keokuk Legionnaires. He has coached teams for seven years, and taught at Rushville, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri; Pittsfield, Illinois, and Pekin. Upon coming to Avon, he has never lost a conference championship. He teaches World History, American History, and coaches boys' P. E. and all sports. He is assistant sponsor of the Freshman class, and chooses fishing as his hobby.



SENIORS



HELEN ARMSTRONG

Band 1-2; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Girls' Chorus 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Librarian's Club 2-3-4; Smear Staff 3-4; Boomerang Staff 4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; F.H.A. 4; Student Council 1-2; D.A.R. 4; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4.

JACK BAKER

Chorus 1-2-3; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; Smear Staff 3-4; Boomerang Staff 4; Student Council 3; Track 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Librarian's Club 4; Class Officer 2-3; T.N.T. 2-3; Varsity Club 4.



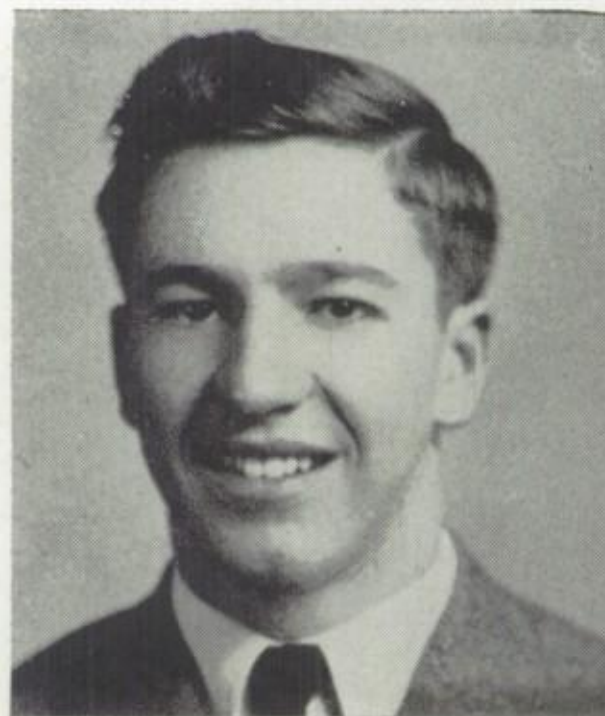
CARL BERG

Chorus 1-2-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3.



VERN BRICKER

Chorus 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; T.N.T. 2-3; Varsity Club 4; Class Officer 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; Vocal Solo 2-3-4; Student Council 2-3; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4.



HELEN ARMSTRONG

Helen was born in Monmouth, Illinois, August 27, 1929. Her favorite pastime is reading books. Helen plans to attend college this summer and the following year. She was chosen D.A.R. winner this year. Helen attended the Avon Community High School all four years.

JACK BAKER

Jack was born on March 30, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois. He plans to go to college. Jack likes all sports and has proven quite apt in all his undertakings. He was class treasurer his sophomore year and vice-president his junior year. In his junior year he also served on the student council. Jack attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

CARL BERG

Carl was born in Berwick, Illinois, on January 7, 1929. He plans to be a farmer. For a pastime he likes to roller skate. Carl attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

VERN BRICKER

Vern was born in Bushnell, Illinois, on December 27, 1929. He plans to go to Macomb Western after graduation. Vern likes all kinds of sports especially football. He was president of his class three years and vice-president one year. His nickname is "Tooty." Vern has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.



MARJORIE ALICE BROWNE

Chorus 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; Student Council 4; Librarian's Club 3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4.

CORINNE BUCK

Chorus 1; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Smear Staff 3-4; Boomerang Staff 3-4; Student Council 3-4; Class Officer 1; F.H.A. 4; Librarian's Club 2-3-4.



MAXINE CLIFFORD

Chorus 1; Girls' Basketball 1-2-4; Band 1-2-3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; F.H.A. 2-4.

DUDLEY DONALDSON

F.F.A. 2-3-4; Public Speaking 1; Class Officer 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2-3; Chorus 1-2-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-4; Football 3-4; T.N.T. 3; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Track 1-2-4; Smear Staff 1-2; Student Council 4.



MARJORIE ALICE BROWNE

Marjorie was born in Monmouth, Illinois, March 31, 1929. Her hobby is making scrap-books, also she likes popular music. Marjorie's ambition is to be a secretary. She attended A. C. H. S. all four years.

CORINNE BUCK

Corinne was born on August 12, 1929, in Avon, Illinois. She likes cattle and horses. As her hobby she likes to draw—(pretty good at it, too!) and to ride horses. Corinne plans to enter Nurses' Training next year. She has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

MAXINE CLIFFORD

Maxine was born in Cuba, Illinois, April 13, 1929. She wants to be a beauty operator. Also Maxine likes to sew. She has attended the Avon Community High School all four years.

DUDLEY DONALDSON

Dud was born in Maquon, Illinois, December 6, 1929. His hobby is collecting Indian relics. Dudley is president of the student council this year. His freshman year he was secretary; sophomore year, president; junior year, secretary; and senior year, vice-president. He plans to go to college. Dud came here from Maquon in his sophomore year.



ALBERT DOYLE

Chorus 1; Smear Staff 4; "And Came the Spring" 3; Football 2-3-4; Basketball 2-3; Track 1-2-3-4; Librarian's Club 3.

WILLIAM DWYER

Chorus 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. 1-2-3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Track 4.



ILENE GILLETT

Chorus 1-3; Girls' Basketball 2-3; Librarian's Club 2-4; "Smilin' Thru" 4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Smear Staff 4; Boomerang Staff 4.

JANE GRICE

Chorus 1-2-3; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; Majorette 2-3; Librarian's Club 2-4; Smear Staff 3-4; Boomerang Staff 3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4; Student Council 2-3; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4.



ALBERT DOYLE

Albert was born on November 7, 1930, in Galesburg, Illinois. His hobby is all sports but mainly baseball. He would like to be a sports journalist. Albert plans to go to college next year. He has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

WILLIAM DWYER

Billy was born in Plymouth, Illinois, September 28, 1929. He would like to be a railroad telegrapher. Billy attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

ILENE GILLETT

Ilene was born November 11, 1929, in Avon, Illinois. Her hobby is sewing. She would like to be a secretary or a bookkeeper after graduation. Ilene attended Avon Community High School three years; spending her Junior year at Prairie City High School.

JANE GRICE

Jane was born April 28, 1929, in Hermon, Illinois. Her hobby is skating and dancing. She plans to be a secretary. She was reporter and treasurer of the F.H.A. her sophomore and junior years. Jane likes popular music. By the way, her nickname is "Nutty." Jane has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.



VERA HARRISON

Band 1-2-3-4; Chorus 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4; Dance Band 2; Drum Ensemble 2; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; Pep Club 2; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Sextet 2-3; Trio 2; Vocal Solo 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. 4; Boomerang Staff 3.

DANIEL HIETT

Chorus 1-2-3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Student Council 1-3; Track 2-3-4; Vocal Solo 2-3-4; T.N.T. 2; Varsity Club 3-4; Football 3-4; Basketball 2-3; Class Officer 1-2-4; Mixed Chorus 1-2-3-4.



BETTY ALYNE LEWIS

Chorus 1; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-4.

MARIBELLE LINCOLN

Chorus 1-2-3-4; Mixed Chorus 3-4; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; "Smilin' Thru" 4; F.H.A. 2-3-4; Librarian's Club 3; Band 1.



VERA HARRISON

Vera was born in Galesburg, Illinois, July 6, 1929. Her hobby is dancing. She likes, also, to swim, shoot pool, and bowl. Vera plans to go to a beauty culture school. She got first place in the vocal contest her junior year. Her nickname is "Rosebud." She likes all activities especially basketball. Vera attended the Avon Community High School all four years.

DANIEL HIETT

Danny was born in Berwick, Illinois, on March 17, 1929. His hobby is observing. He was his class treasurer his freshman year; president his sophomore year; and treasurer his senior year. Dan plans to go to college. He has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

BETTY ALYNE LEWIS

Betty was born on October 4, 1928, in Beverly, Illinois. Her hobby is reading, her pastime is sewing. Betty would like to be a stenographer. She has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

MARIBELLE LINCOLN

Maribelle was born in Greenbush Township, Illinois, on June 20, 1930. Her hobby is collecting buttons. Her favorite pastime is sewing. She plans to go to a beauty culture school. Maribelle has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.



LOIS OGDEN

Chorus 1-2-3; Girls' Chorus 1-2-3; Mixed Chorus 1-3; Girls' Basketball 1-2-3-4; Librarian's Club 3; Smear Staff 4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; F.H.A. 1-2-3-4.

DONALD CARTER ORWIG

Basketball 1-2-3; Chorus 1; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Track 1; Smear Staff 3-4; Boomerang Staff 4; Football Manager 1-4; T.N.T. 2-3; Varsity Club 4; Student Council 1-2; Class Officer 3.

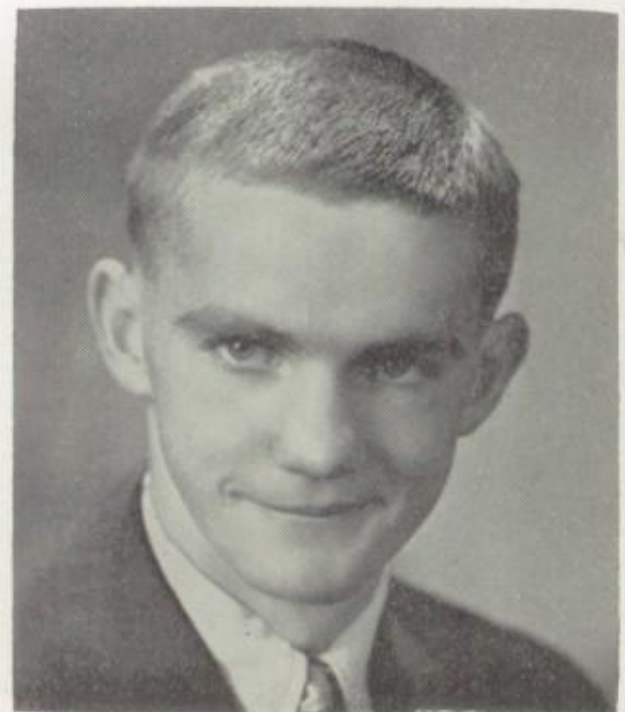


RALPH PARKER

Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 3-4; Track 2-3-4; Varsity Club 4; F.F.A. 1-3-4; T.N.T. 3; Librarian's Club 4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4.

BERNARD REPP

Tract 1-4; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; T.N.T. 2-3; F.F.A. 3-4.



LOIS OGDEN

Lois was born on October 14, 1929, in Galesburg, Illinois. Her hobby is dancing, her nickname—"Bunny." She plans to attend a beauty culture school next fall. Also, she likes to swim, play pool, and bowl. Lois went to Avon her freshman year, to Peoria her sophomore year, and back to A.C.H.S. her junior and senior years.

DONALD CARTER ORWIG

Donny was born in Avon, Illinois, on November 12, 1929. He was class treasurer his junior year, and also served on the Student Council two years. His hobby is playing the piano, which he does very well. Donny attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

RALPH PARKER

Ralph was born November 30, 1928, in Monroe City, Missouri. He plans to farm after graduation. Ralph likes all sports. He attended Aledo and Keithsburg his freshman and part of his sophomore year. The last two and one-half years he attended A.C.H.S.

BERNARD REPP

Bernard (or Reppie as we call him) was born in Avon, Illinois, on March 26, 1929. He has gone out for all sports and is very capable in all of them. Bernard has attended A.C.H.S. all four years.



BILL WHEELER

Chorus 4; Class Officer 2-3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; Mixed Chorus 4;
Smear Staff 2-3-4; Boomerang Staff 4; Student Council 2-4;
Vocal Solo 4.

JOHN WINGATE

Class Officer 2-4; Librarian's Club 3; Chorus 1; Basketball 1-2-3-4;
Football 3-4; "And Came the Spring" 3; "Smilin' Thru" 4; T.N.T.
2-3; Varsity Club 4; Track 3-4; F.F.A. 2-4; Boomerang Staff 4;
Smear Staff 4.



WILLIAM WHEELER

Bill was born in Denver, Colorado on March 19, 1929. His hobby is traveling. He likes music, preferably popular. Bill was president of his sophomore class and of the Student Council that year. In his junior year he was class secretary and his senior year he served on the Student Council. Bill plans to attend college. Two years (freshman and senior) of his high school days were spent at A.C.H.S. The other two were spent in Ash Fork, Arizona and Riverside, California.

JOHN WINGATE

Johnny was born July 14, 1929, in Avon, Illinois. He plans to go to college. John was class vice-president his sophomore year and secretary his senior year. He likes to hunt and play tennis. Basketball is another sport Johnny likes and he is pretty good at it as you've probably noticed. He attended A.C.H.S. all four years.

CLASS WILL



We, the Class of 1947, realizing that our time in Avon Community High School is limited and desiring to dispose of our choicest possessions hereby declare this to be our last will and testament, drawn up on April 1, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

I, Helen Armstrong, do will and bequeath my Physics notebook and all my old test papers to Roberta Powell with the mutual understanding that she makes better grades than I did.

I, Jack Baker, do will and bequeath my ability to argue on any subject whether it be familiar or not, to Ronald Holsinger, providing he starts an argument in every class.

I, Carl Eerg, do will and bequeath my facial bloom during embarrassing moments to Bud Alden, providing that he blushes when spoken to and whenever a girl glances his way.

I, Vern Bricker, do will and bequeath my darling little grin to Pauline Fullerton. I shall not longer need it as I am becoming hard-boiled.

I, Marjorie Browne, do will and bequeath all my girl companions to Carl Bovard, with the understanding that he must make them all love him even if he has to use cave man stuff.

I, Corinne Buck, do will and bequeath my ability to make dates with boys to Joann Reuter, provided that she learns what a date is from the dictionary.

I, Maxine Clifford, do will and bequeath my ability to make wisecracks and have a quick answer to everything to Deloris Eaton with the understanding that she never makes anyone mad as I have done.

I, Dudley Donaldson, do will and bequeath my Esquire Magazines to Charles Cannon, providing that he only looks at the highly respectable pictures.

I, Albert Doyle, do will and bequeath my talent for studying and my quickness in giving answers to Adeline Ethington, with the understanding that she works as hard as I have and always keeps on the good side of the teachers.

I, Billy Dwyer, do will and bequeath a portion of my shyness to Norma Jones, as I no longer need it. I thought it best to give it to someone **who did!**

I, Ilene Gillett, do will and bequeath my ability to promote friendship with Billy Sailer to Marilyn Sorrells.

I, Jane Grice, do will and bequeath my skating ability to Ray Lock. I have more than I need and it may gain him a position as a professional in the Skaters League.

I, Vera Harrison, do will and bequeath my melodious voice to Mary Lois Murphy, with the idea in mind that she is to be as faithful as I was in attending football and basketball games and leading the yells.

I, Dan Hiett, do will and bequeath my wad of chewing gum to Alberta Reihm, who will find it deposited under any desk. She must receive it with the understanding

that she is to chew it all during their remaining high school years and it shall bring her wisdom as it did to me.

I, Betty Lewis, do will and bequeath my good looks and my well-proportioned shape to Cynthia Sailer.

I, Maribelle Lincoln, do will and bequeath my habit of getting peeved to Mary McVay with the understanding that she must only become peeved at the girls and never the boys.

I, Lois Ogden, do will and bequeath my wonderful gab to John Wall, with the understanding that he talks the life out of people as I have done the past two years.

I, Don Orwig, do will and bequeath my inquisitiveness to Anita Moon with understanding that she shall not be a bit bashful about asking questions about other people's business.

I, Ralph Parker, do will and bequeath my notions to play hookey to Bill Jackson, but he must understand that all the good time is to be had on the day he skipped and not the following day.

I, Bernard Repp, do will and bequeath the only honorable position I held in high school to Roy Woods, with the understanding that he makes at least two touchdowns at every football game.

I, Bill Wheeler, do will and bequeath my remarkable vocabulary to Barney O'Donnell, providing he uses words which Webster never heard of.

I, John Wingate, do will and bequeath my title of town shiek to Merlin Nichols, with the sole idea of making all the girls jealous of him. I shall no longer need it as I have reformed.

Signed:

THE SENIOR CLASS.

Witnesses:

Corinne Buck

Helen Armstrong

Dudley Donaldson

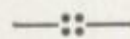
Daniel Hiatt

Who's Who in Senior Class: Hair—Daniel Hiatt. Eyes—Corinne Buck. Ears—Lois Ogden. Teeth—Vern Bricker. Physic—Betty Lewis. Sleep—Ralph Parker. Artistic—Bill Wheeler. Sense of Humor—Dudley Donaldson. Sense of Humor—Jane Grice. Dancing—John Wingate. Dancing—Veral Harrison. Music—Don Orwig. Leadership—Jack Baker. Leadership—Helen Armstrong. Athletic—Bernard Repp. Studious—Albert Doyle.

THE SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY



THE STRANGE NOTE or WHO DONE IT!



The night was dark! The city constable, Carl Berg, was making his hourly rounds when he stumbled over the body of Bill Dwyer. Immediately Carl phoned the Chief of Police, Bernard Repp.

With a shaky voice Carl whispered, "Call the Homicide, there's been a murder."

The Homicide squad arrived in a short while bringing with them the head of detectives, Hawkshaw Don Orwig, and the world famous doctor and surgeon, Whack-It-Off Bill Wheeler.

Taking his knife from between his teeth, Whack-It-Off whacks out the victim's heart and finding no beating, he pronounces him dead.

Hawkshaw Orwig calls Digger Albert Doyle, the friendly undertaker. Digger Doyle arrives to the enchanting scene promptly. Digger walks happily over the body; removes the sheet from the face of the deceased Mr. Dwyer, saying in a gruesome voice, "I love these kind of cases, the victim always looks so gay."

As the body is being removed, Hawkshaw Orwig finds a clue. The Ace of Spades, which is the death card to all, was clutched in his dainty blood smeared hand. On the card was written "Meet me at The Bucket of Blood when the clock strikes 12. (signed) Bunny."

The next morning the issue of the "Sneak and Snoop" Daily Newspaper, was smeared with the headlines, "BRUTAL MURDER AT THE BUCKET OF BLOOD."

Maribelle Lincoln, the city editor, sends her trusty police reporter, Jerky Jane Grice, to cover the murder happenings.

When Jerky arrives at the city morgue, she is immediately taken to Mr. Dwyer's elegant marble slab. As she is ushered in she sees Mr. Dwyer's fascinating secretary, Cuddles Corinne Buck, who is identifying the deceased.

Jerky Jane jerks as she asks, "What was Mr. Dwyer's business?"

"He was a telegraph operator," was the tearful reply.

Jane jerks again as she suspiciously asks, "What were your connections with Mr. Dwyer?"

Miss Buck with tears welling up in her eyes replied, "I proposed to him just the other day, and he refused to accept because of the sudden shock." She added with a tear stained face, "I must confess, it's been almost driving me crazy, he said something once, about using some of his telegrams to earn a little easy money, but he never mentioned whom he might be blackmailing."

That afternoon the District Attorney, "Dog 'em Down" Dan Hiatt, the able Chief of Police Bernard Repp, "Hawkshaw" Orwig, the detective, "Jerky" Jane, the police reporter, and the noble lawyer "Dillinger," Dud Donaldson, gathered for a fireside chat to discuss the facts of the case.

"The only clue we have," remarked "Dog 'em Down," "is the Ace of Spade we found on the victim."

At this critical period of brainy discussion in rushed John "Lippy" Lee Wingate and his "Belle of the Barroom" Petty Lewis.

"Fellow graduates, friends, and countrymen," burst out Lippy, "we have some information which pertains to the case you no doubt are discussing." Gulping some H₂O and gasping some badly needed breath of air he continued, "Belle and me, while

waiting for a bus after the late show, witnessed with our own inebriated eyes, the brutal beating of Mr. Dwyer by some tall, well dressed woman."

"Did you get a look at her face," was the immediate inquiry of "Hawkshaw" Orwig.

"She covered her face with a scarf which she wore around her neck and the street lights only revealed a pair of baby blue eyes," replied "Lippy" Lee.

"Baby blue eyes, that takes me several years back to high school days, remember Lois Ogden's beautiful blue eyes," said "Dillinger" Dud.

"You mean "Bunny" Ogden?" asked Police Commissioner Repp.

"Wait a minute," put in "Jerky" Jane, "Bunny, was the name signed to the Ace of Spades."

"We'll have to swear out a warrant for 'Bunny's' arrest, but we won't convict her because, as our old class motto says, 'Knowledge is Power,' we have the knowledge and the power to receive her acquittal. It's the only loyal thing to do and we will do it together," says "Hawkshaw."

Several days later in the cell, "Turnkey" Bricker and "Dillinger" Dud are talking to "Bunny."

"You will never be convicted," was Dillinger's sly remark, "as the all powerful class of '47 will stand in your defense."

"Turnkey" Bricker says, "If things come to the worst, I can make possible your escape," as he rattles his keys playfully and smiles innocently.

"No, we can't do that, we'll take it to court and clear "Bunny's" name once and for all" confidently gloats "Dillinger."

Well as the story goes, the day of the trial came. The courtroom was packed. Judge "Honest" Ralph Irvin Parker sleepily raised his gavel three times, calling the court to order. The jury naturally consisted of "Peaches" Armstrong, "High C" Harrison, "Beat the Rap" Baker, "Blue Blade" Ilene Gillett, and a few unimportant bribery earning people.

The trial dragged on and "Dillinger" Dud called on his paid witnesses who swore by the immortal book, Webster's Dictionary, "Bunny" was innocent of all charges. Who were the witnesses? Why, "Cats Claw" Clifford and "Bubbles" Browne.

"Dog 'em Down" Dan didn't cross-examine Dillinger's two witnesses, but immediately called on his own two star witnesses, "Lippy Lee" Wingate and "Belle of the Barroom" Betty, and they revealed nothing.

Cross examination by Dillinger showed that they were a little pie-eyed at the time of the murder and couldn't say as to the identification of the assassin.

The jury retired to their room, but before the last jurymen was in the door they returned with the decisive verdict. Honest Irvin received the verdict from "Beat the Rap" Baker and sleepily read the following words: "We the jury, "High C" Harrison, "Peaches" Armstrong, "Blue-Blade" Gillett and "Beat the Rap" Baker incorporated, do hereby find the accused "Bunny" Ogden, not guilty." Honest Irvin settled back in his easy chair and falls asleep mumbling, "It's been a trying day today."

We the class of "47" ask the forgiveness of Mr. Dwyer for the gruesome part he has played in this story and we will do all that is in our power and knowledge to prevent it from ever coming true.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the proper authorities.

BACCALAUREATE

FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. Heinlein

Sunday, May 25, 1947

11:00 A. M.

COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 29, 1947

8:00 P. M.

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Processional.....	Donna L. Hatch
Invocation	Rev. Manning
Address.....	Dr. John Lars Johnson
Presentation of Graduation Class.....	Earl L. Olson
Presentation of Diplomas.....	J. R. Sundberg
Benediction	Rev. Manning
Recessional.....	Donna L. Hatch

JUNIORS



First row, left to right: Mr. Robert Slayton, Assistant Advisor; Virginia Hampton, Anita Moon, Patty Butler, Ila Myers, Deloris Eaton, Mary E. McVay, Adeline Ethington, Alberta Reihm, Mrs. Ruby Duffy, Advisor. Second row: Ray Carrico, Bud Alden, Ray Lock, Merlin Nichols, Bernard O'Donnell, Lois Smick, Roberta Powell, Betty Hite, Pauline Fullerton, Marjorie Whisler. Third row: Harold McClure, Duane Black, Richard Suter, Donny Myers, Carl Bovard, Charles Cannon, Cedric Dowell, Elmer Howard, Edwin Warren. Fourth row: Bob Babbitt, John Cooper, Bill Sailer, Glen Reed. Not in picture: Beverly Allen.

Who's Who in Junior Class: Hair—Betty Hite. Nose—Virginia Hampton. Physic—Ray Carrico. Feet—Roberta Powell. Personality—Lois Smick. Smile—Beverly Allen. Clothes—Merlin Nichols. Clothes—Alberta Reihm. Wolfing—Bud Alden. Wolfing—Adeline Ethington. Complexion—Harold McClure. Complexion—Marjorie Whisler. Neatness—Pauline Fullerton. Clumsiness—Dick Suter. Clumsiness—Anita Moon. Lips—Donnie Myers. Ears—Charles Cannon.

SOPHOMORES



First row, left to right: Miss Rebecca Hughes, Assistant Advisor; Mary L. Murphey, Lois Myers, Annabelle Poole, Mildred Browne, Margaret Wilson, Elsie McVey, Donna Schultz, Mr. Fred Hall, Head Arvisor. Second row: Jackie Luper, Norma Jones, Marlene Mitchell, Lois Simmons, Caroline Allen, Martha Foster, James Hendel, Francis Cable, Kenny Alden. Third row: David Luper, Roy Woods, Ernie Repp, Martin Moon, Bob Randall, LaVern Ross, John Wall, Howard O'Hern, Danny Williamson, Eugene Blount.

Who's Who in Sophomore Class: Nose—Roy Woods. Personality—Howard O'Hern. Smile—Martin Moon. Sleep—Mary Lois Murphy. Poise—Francis Cable. Talk—John Wall. Hands—Lois Myers. Athletic—Elsie McVey. Legs—James Hendel. Lips—Marlene Mitchell. Inquisitiveness—Norma Jones. Studious—Annabelle Poole. Hands—David Luper.

FRESHMEN



First row, left to right: Miss Barbara Bull, Head Advisor ;Eloise Salisbury, Roberta Edwards, Clarice Watson, Marilyn Nichols, Mary Parker, Rosalie Bivens, Shirley Vernoy, Francis Ray, Evelyn Johnson, Verna Bovard, Carol Lee, Mr. Richard Stearns, Assistant Advisor. Second row: Elwood Moshier, Marvin Johnson, Paul McVay, Tommy Williamson, Wilbur Wilson, Bill Jackson, Cynthia Sailer, Marilyn Sorrells, Doris Gillette, Gloria Jennings. Third row: Philip Sailer, Marvin Bloomer, Louis Moon, Robert Hook, Carl Ehresman, Donald Sensabaugh, Ernest Blount, Donald Browne, Ralph Murphey, Roland Holsinger. Not in picture: Joann Reuter, Martha Davis, Kenny Howard, Francis Singleton, Donald Overton, Bob Pritchard, Harriett Jennings.

Who's Who in Freshmen Class: Eyes—Tommy Williamson. Teeth—Verna Bovard. Feet—Wilber Wilson. Artistic—Joann Reuter. Poise—Harriett Jennings. Neat—Ernest Blount. Talk—Marilyn Nichols. Music—Evelyn Johnson. Laugh—Marvin Bloomer. Laugh—Shirley Vernoy. Legs—Martha Helen Davis. Shyness—Ronald Holsinger. Shyness—Clarice Watson. Inquisitiveness—Louis Moon.

CLASS OFFICERS

SENIORS



VERN BRICKER
President



DUDLEY DONALDSON
Vice-President



DAN HIETT
Treasurer



JOHN WINGATE
Secretary

JUNIORS



D. SUTER—President
RAY CARRICO—Secretary and Treasurer
BUD ALDEN—Vice-President

SOPHOMORE



MARTIN MOON—Treasurer
DAN WILLIAMSON—Vice-President
M. WILSON—Secretary
HOD O'HERN—President

FRESHMAN



M. DAVIS—Vice-President
TOM WILLIAMSON—President
E. JOHNSON—Secretary and Treasurer

ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL



The football team had a successful season this year placing fourth in the Little Six Conference. We had a fighting team who were playing their hardest all the time no matter what the circumstances. Avon is one of the smallest schools in the state with an eleven man football team, and every team on the schedule had a larger enrollment than we.

The game which is probably remembered the easiest was the game with Cuba, which Avon won 50-0. The opening game of the season with Bushnell was very trying on the team's nerves. We were penalized over one hundred yards, had a touchdown called back, and were very close to a touchdown when the game ended with the result a scoreless tie.

Vern Bricker and Gerald Smith were elected by the squad as Co-Captains.

Seniors receiving letters were: Jack Baker, Vern Bricker, Dudley Donaldson, Albert Doyle, Dan Hiett, Bernard Repp.

Juniors receiving letters were: Bud Alden, Duane Black, Dick Suter, Harold McClure, Ray Carrico, Cedric Dowell, Merlin Nichols, Ray Lock.

Sophomores receiving letters were: Bob Randall, Martin Moon.

FOOTBALL SCORES

Avon.....	0	Bushnell	0
Avon.....	50	Cuba	0
Avon.....	6	Macomb Western ..	6
Avon.....	7	Abingdon	0
Avon.....	0	Roseville	12
Avon.....	7	Aledo	34
Avon.....	0	Knoxville	20
Avon.....	39	Alexis	0

"A" SQUAD

Front row, left to right: John Wingate, Ralph Parker, Dudley Donaldson, Dick Suter, Albert Doyle, Harold McClure, Bud Alden. Second row: Ray Carrico, Vern Bricker, Jack Baker, Bernard Repp.



"B" SQUAD FOOTBALL

First row, left to right: Paul McVay, Martin Moon, Marvin Bloomer, Merlin Nichols, Cedric Dowell, Daniel Williamson, Carl Ehresman. Second row: Ralph Murphey, Ernest Repp, Philip Sailer. Third row: Ray Lock, Bob Randall, Duane Black.



D. ORWIG



T. WILLIAMSON



STEARNS
(Coach)

BASKETBALL

"48"



ALDEN

"49"



RANDALL

"47"



BAKER

"47"



REPP

1946-47

"47"



WINGATE
"49"

"49"



LUPER
"49"

"47"



BRICKER
"49"

"49"



PARKER
"49"



CARRICO



WOODS
(Mgr.)



NICHOLS
(Mgr.)



WILLIAMSON
(Mgr.)

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BASKETBALL

The basketball team this year had a very successful season. They placed second in the Little Six Conference, four points being the largest margin of defeat they suffered in a Little Six game.

In the Corpus Christi Tournament they reached their peak and finished second, losing to a strong DePue team in the finals by six points. They then entered the Prairie City Tournament, playing with a one-day rest from the Corpus Christi tourney, and placed third.

Coach Stearn's team played a very strong defensive game and no team scored as much as fifty points against them. They used a deliberate, dribbling style of offense. The team had to overcome several obstacles this year. The schedule was a very tough one for the size of the school, and undoubtedly they would have won more games if they had played schools the same size as this one. They were recognized as one of the strongest teams in this area by the Chicago Daily News several times throughout the season.

Seniors receiving letters were: Jack Baker, Vern Bricker, Ralph Parker, John Wingate, Bernard Repp.

One Junior, Bud Alden, and two Sophomores, Dave Luper and Bob Randall, received letters.

Jack Baker was elected Honorary Captain by the squad.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Avon.... 0	Victoria (forfeit)..... 2
Avon.... 0	Prairie City (forfeit).... 2
Avon....22	Farmington 28
Avon....61	Vermont 10
Avon....22	London Mills 31
Avon....35	Knoxville (forfeit)....38
Avon....27	Fairview 26
Avon....28	Roseville 26
Avon....49	Media 23
Avon....44	Aledo 27
Avon....29	Abingdon 25
Avon....60	Alexis 21
Avon....31	Cuba 29
Avon....39	Knoxville 33

CORPUS CHRISTI TOURNAMENT

Avon....24	London Mills 23
Avon....37	Cor. Christi (2 o'time) 35
Avon....41	DePue 47

PRAIRIE CITY TOURNAMENT

Avon....21	Prairie City 23
Avon....36	Bardolph 21

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Avon....28	Farmington 43
Avon....94	Prairie City 34
Avon....35	Roseville 39
Avon....31	Victoria 36
Avon....48	Aledo 49
Avon....39	Media 35
Avon....28	Abingdon 29
Avon....68	Vermont 27
Avon....77	Alexis 44

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Avon....21	Macomb 46
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"B" BASKETBALL TEAM



First row, left to right: Donald Myers, Robert Pritchard, Kenneth Howard, Howard O'Hern, Kenny Alden, Ernest Repp. Second row: James Hendel, Duane Black, Cedric Dowell, LaVern Ross, Martin Moon, Eugene Blount, Francis Cable.

TRACK

This year cross country was introduced into the Little Six Conference for the first time. Avon was definitely the dark horse in this meet, and all five men were in the first ten places to take the championship. Avon has other good runners and for this reason things look bright for Spring track, although we need some field men. By the time the important meets roll around, however, some field men may have developed.

Some of the track members who have been familiar in track the last few seasons are: Jack Baker, Vern Bricker, Dan Hiatt, John Wingate, Bernard Repp, Albert Doyle, Dudley Donaldson, Bill Dwyer, Carl Berg, Bill Wheeler, Ralph Parker.

Front row, left to right: Don Orwig, Dan Hiatt, Dudley Donaldson, Vern Bricker, Jack Baker, Bernard Repp, Ralph Parker, Bob Randall, Ernie Repp, Martin Moon. Second row, David Luper, Dick Suter, Albert Doyle, Marvin Johnson, John Wall, Ralph Murphey, Paul McVay, Carl Ehresman, JJohn Wingate. Third row: Glenn Reed, Tom Williamson, Roy Woods, Merlin Nichols, Duane Black, Harold McClure, Bud Alden, Ray Lock, Ray Caricco, Dan Williamson.



CROSS COUNTRY



Ray Lock, Jack Baker
Ralph Parker, Daniel Hiatt

DAN WILLIAMSON

CHEER LEADERS



Standing: Shirley Vernoy, Rosalie Bivens.
Kneeling: Lois Smick, Norma Jones.

Shirley Vernoy

Lois Smick

*(Standing: picture - Ruth
and is the subject).*

ACTIVITIES

CHORUS

Our contest at home to determine who would go on to the District Contest and to the Fulton County Contest was held March 10. In boys' voice—Danny Hiatt placed 1st, Roy Woods 2nd, in Boys' High Voice, and Cedric Dowell in Boys' Low Voice. In Girls' Voice, Mary McVay placed 1st, Vera Harrison 2nd, both in Girls' Medium Voice.

These five went to Macomb on March 29th to take part in the District Contest. The outcome was, Mary McVay 1st, Vera Harrison, Dan Hiatt, Roy Woods 2nd, and Cedric Dowell 3rd. Dan and Mary represented our school at Lewistown on April 15th at the Fulton County Contest. Also, Mary McVay will represent us at Macomb on May 9 and 10 at the State Contest.

We have a sophomore quartet this year consisting of, Roy Woods, Dave Luper, Hod O'Hern, and Ernie Repp. They sang at the Sophomore party and also are going to Fulton County.

We are entering a Boys' Chorus and a Girls' Chorus in the District Contest in Macomb, April 19th, and the Fulton County Contest, April 22nd.

We went to the Chorus Festival at Lewistown on March 25th, where we participated in a Chorus of over three-hundred students. Our Boys' Chorus sang as our individual number.

Our Chorus had two Student Accompanists this year, Virginia Hampton and Alberta Reihm.



From left to right: Carol Lee, Gloria Jennings, Clarice Watson, Rosalie Bivens, Marilyn Nichols, Mary Parker, Mrs. Hatch, Evelyn Johnson, Shirley Vernoy, Norma Jones, Virginia Hampton, Patty Butler, Marjorie Browne, Marjorie Whisler, Maribelle Lincoln, Marlene Mitchell, Jackie Luper, Lois Myers, Lois Simmons, Margaret Wilson, Elsie McVey, Annabelle Poole, Mildred Browne, Anita Moon, Mary McVay, Vernal Bovard, Adeline Ethington, Doris Gillette, Deloris Eaton, Marilyn Sorrells, Martha Foster, Betty Hite, Roberta Powell, Vera Harrison, Alberta Reihm, Lois Smick, Elmer Howard, Charles Cannon, Marvin Johnson, Kenny Howard, Tommy Williamson, Helen Armstrong, Pauline Fullerton, Mary Lois Murphy, Roy Woods, Ernie Repp, Bob Randall, David Luper, Philip Sailer, Carl Bovard, Paul McVay, Carl Ehresman, James Hendel, Cedric Dowell, Donny Myers, Danny Williamson, Hod O'Hern, John Wall, Bob Pritchard, Bud Alden, Vern Bricker, Ray Carrico, Dan Hiatt, Bill Wheeler, and Ralph Murphy.

AVON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Presents

CHORUS AND BAND

in

Annual Music Concert

February 28th — 8:00 P. M.



"America" ----- Carey
Band and Chorus

"The Show-Boy March" ----- Huff
"Omar Khayyam Overture" ----- King
"Always Waltz" ----- Berlin
"Anchors Aweigh" ----- arr. Yoder
High School Band

"The Night Has A Thousand Eyes" ----- Wilson
"The Wedding of the Painted Doll" ----- Brown
Girls' Chorus

Duet—"Andalusia" ----- Mexican Melody
Vera Harrison and Daniel Hiatt

"The Desert Song" ----- Romberg
Medley ----- Old Tunes
Boys' Chorus

Solo—"Evening Song" ----- Olmstead
Mary Ellen McVay

"Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet" ----- Wenrich
"A Perfect Day" ----- Bond
"The House I Live In" ----- Allan and Robinson
Mixed Chorus

Solo—"One Song" (Snow White) ----- Churchill
Vera Harrison

"The Oracle Overture" ----- Taylor
"Winter Sunset" ----- Frangkiser
"Roy, Row, Row Your Boat" ----- arr. Frangkiser
"Washington Post March" ----- Sousa
Twirlers—Adeline Ethington,
Marjorie Whisler and Evelyn Johnson

"Star Spangled Banner" ----- Francis Scott Key
Band, Chorus and Audience

Chorus Director ----- Donna Hatch
Band Director ----- Royce Davis
Accompanists ----- Clara Merrill,
Alberta Reihm, Virginia Hampton

ANNUAL MUSIC CONCERT

Avon Community High School Auditorium

Monday, March 10 — 7:30 P. M.



GIRLS' HIGH VOICE

"When Song Is Sweet" (Sans Souci).....	Martha Davis
"Into the Night" (Edwards).....	Adeline Ethington
"An Old Violin" (Fisher).....	Evelyn Johnson
"The Little Sandman" (Brahms).....	Joan Reuter

GIRLS' MEDIUM VOICE

"My Lover Is a Fisherman" (Strickland).....	
"The Pool of Quietness" (Cator).....	Vera Harrison
"Who Knows?" (Ball)	Shirley Vernoy
"The Sweetest Flower That Blows" (Hawley).....	Martha Foster
"Eye Hath Not Seen" (Gaul).....	Mary Ellen McVay
"Sing Me to Sleep" (Greene).....	Mary Lois Murphy

GIRLS' LOW VOICE

"Thank God for a Garden" (Del Reigo).....	Elsie McVey
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PIANO SOLO

"Valse Caprice" (Rogers)	Clarice Watson
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BOYS' HIGH VOICE

"Roses of Picardy" (Wood).....	Roy Woods
"The Lamplit Hour" (Penn).....	Vern Bricker
"Who Is Sylvia?" (Schubert)	Daniel Hielt

BOYS' UNCHANGED VOICE

"My Lindy Lou" (Strickland).....	Marvin Johnson
"Keep on Hopin' " (Maxwell)	Phil Sailer

BOYS' MEDIUM VOICE

"The Old Home" (MacGimsey)	John Wall
"I Heard You Go By" (Wood).....	Bill Wheeler
"Waitin' In the Shadows" (Wellesley).....	Carl Ehresman
"Sweet Songs of Long Ago" (Charles).....	Paul McVay

BOYS' LOW VOICE

"Noon and Night" (Hawley).....	Cedric Dowell
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Judge — Mrs. A. Brady — Bushnell, Illinois

BAND

At the home football games and at one basketball game the fans were entertained by the Avon High School band, under the direction of Mr. Royce Davis. On February 17 the band journey to Canton for the annual Fulton County Band Festival. Each of the schools represented played three selections, and as a finale, formed a mass band of 300 pieces under the direction of Leo Dvork of Southern College. A concert with both the band and the chorus was given on February 28. The District Contest for the band was held at Macomb, on April 19.

The band officers for this year are the following: David Luper, President; Roy Woods, Vice-President; Lois Smick, Secretary-Treasurer; Alberta Reihm and Lois Myers, Library; Dan Williamson and Roberta Powell, Student Council.

First row, left to right: Marlene Mitchell, Lois Myers, Jackie Luper, Merlin Nichols, Mary E. McVey. Second row: Norma Jones, Alberta Reihm, Shirley Myers, Shirley Vernoy, David Luper, Patty Butler, Paul McVey. Third row: Deloris Eaton, Roberta Edwards, Dan Williamson, Rosalie Bivens, James Hendel, Roy Woods, Maxine Clifford, Anita Moon, Don Myers. Fourth row: Roberta Powell, Martha Foster, Vera Harrison, Lois Smick, Evelyn Johnson, Twiler; Adeline Ethington, Drum Majorette; Marjorie Whisler, Twiler; Mr. Royce Davis, Director.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Four members from each class of the high school are elected each year to represent the student body. This organization is known as the Student Council and this year Miss Rebecca Hughes was chosen as their advisor. They act as a medium between the faculty and the student body; their duties consist of selling tickets at sport events, distributing invitations to social activities of the school, and recommending deeds to create a more democratic, courteous student body.

Officers of the Student Council are: President, Dudley Donaldson; Vice-President, Corinne Buck; Secretary, Jackie Luper; Treasurer, Bud Alden.

Sitting, left to right: Jackie Luper, Corinne Buck, Bud Alden, Miss Rebecca Hughes, Sponsor; Dudley Donaldson, Hod O'Hern, Marjorie Browne, Clarice Watson, Bill Wheeler, Virginia Hampton. Standing: Lois Myers, Tommy Williamson, Harold McClure, John Wall, Marvin Bloomer. Not in picture: Martha H. Davis.

Dan D. Williamson Band member



THE SMEAR

The Smear is the school newspaper which is published every two weeks. It includes such items as library news, sport write-ups, parties, plays, and alumni news. Also—let us not forget this—the Katty Kornor and the Korn Kolyum.

The faculty advisor is Mrs. Martha Davis and the production staff is headed by: Editor, Helen Armstrong; Co-Editors, Don Orwig and Jack Baker.

Seated, left to right: Albert Doyle, Dick Suter, Bill Wheeler, Alberta Reihm, Patty Butler, Virginia Hampton, Jane Grice, Corinne Buck, Donald Orwig, Helen Armstrong, Mary Ellen McVey, Lois Smick. Back row: Lois Ogden, Roberta Powell, Anita Moon, Ilene Gillett, Mrs. Davis, Advisor, Evelyn Johnson, Norma Jones, Marlene Mitchell, Jackie Luper, Margaret Wilson, Elsie McVay. Not in picture: Jack Baker.



F. H. A.

The local Chapter of Future Homemakers of America was organized with Miss Rebecca Hughes as sponsor, and Mrs. Lucille Ogden as Chapter Mother. The officers and chairmen directing the twenty-seven members are: President, Marjorie Whisler; Vice-President, Helen Armstrong; Secretary, Clarice Watson; Treasurer, Ilene Gillett; Finance Chairman, Mary McVey; Program Chairman, Helen Armstrong; Reporter, Adeline Ethington; Initiation Chairman, Marjorie Browne; and Scrap Book Committee, Lois Ogden and Vera Harrison. Among the social activities of the club were the Mother-Daughter' Banquet, to act as an introduction of the club to the mothers, and a slumber party, at which initiation was held, was given in the fall. The welfare program for the year consisted of a baby's layette, made by the club members and sponsor, to be given to a needy mother. The financial activities were selling of cokes, popcorn, hot dogs, and also a bake sale was held. Meetings of the F. H. A. are held the third Wednesday of every month from 1:10 to 2:30.

First row, left to right: Mary Ellen McVey, Marjorie Browne, Marilyn Nichols, Donna Schultz, Ilene Gillett, Deloris Eaton, Cynthia Sailer, Mary Parker, Adeline Ethington, Mildred Browne, Marjorie Whisler, Corinne Buck, Vera Harrison, Miss Rebecca Hughes, Sponsor. Second row: Betty Lewis, Martha Foster, Doris Gillett, Clarice Watson, Gloria Jennings, Lois Simmons, Carolyn Allen, Maribelle Lincoln, Maxine Clifford, Jane Grice, Helen Armstrong, Lois Ogden. Not in the picture: Beverly Allen and Harriett Jennings.



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Avon F. F. A. Chapter this year has an enrollment of 40 members. Of these, 37 are enrolled in the three "Ag" classes and three members of last year's graduating class have maintained membership in the organization. These members are Dick Higbee, Paul Potter, and Gordon Ray.

Chapter officers this year are Vern Bricker, President; Jack Baker, Vice-President; Dudley Donaldson, Secretary; Harold McClure, Treasurer; Dick Suter, Reporter, and Robert Slayton, advisor.

The Avon Chapter is especially honored by having two of its members acting in the State Association of F. H. A. Dick Higbee is State of Illinois F. F. A. President and Vern Bricker is 8th Vice President, acting as chairman of Section 8 consisting of all F. F. A. chapters in three counties: Fulton, Mason, and Tazewell. This is the third consecutive year that Avon has held this latter office.

Activities of the year include the Harvest Ball, an annual homecoming pageant featuring a parade, dance and crowning of a Harvest Queen. Two competitive activities participated in are the Section Grain Judging contest in which Avon placed 5th of 16 competing teams; and the Section 8 Parliamentary Procedure contest was won by the team from this chapter.

In their community service activities they are most proud of producing 400 bushels of certified Clinton oats and distributing them among the members of the local chapter and farmers in the community.

They are now producing a seed multiplication field of Ladino Clover, a new crop that has great promise. This seed will be distributed in the community to improve crops.

This year has been successful and they hope to include new activities and enterprises in the next year's program.

First row, left to right: Ernest Blount, Bill Sailer, Don Sensabaugh, Bob Pritchard, Ralph Murphey, Elwood Moshier, Bill Jackson, Donald Browne, Roland Halsinger, Louis Moon, Eugene Blount. Second row: Wilber Wilson, Francis Cable, LaVern Ross, Ray Lock, Merlin Nichols, James Hendal, John Wingate, David Luper, Carl Berg, Dick Suter, Harold McClure, Mr. Slayton, advisor. Third row: Marvin Bloomer, Edwin Warren, Don Overton, Duane Black, John Wall, Vern Bricker, Dudley Donaldson, Billy Dwyer, Bob Babbitt, Ralph Parker, Glenn Reed. Not in Picture: Robert Hook, Francis Singleton, Jack Baker, Donald Timmerman, Bernard Repp.



SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"Smilin' Thru," the Senior Class Play, was given November 15 and 16 under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Duffy. The setting of "Smilin' Thru," a comedy drama, is in England. The story woven through the three acts is concerned with the romance of two young people, whose past generations are incompatible because of a murder.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

John Cartaret.....	Jack Baker
Dr. Owen Harding.....	Dannie Hiatt
Ellen	Helen Armstrong
Kathleen Dungannon.....	Vera Harrison
Willie Ainley.....	Donnie Orwig
Kenneth Wayne.....	Bill Wheeler
Jermiah Wayne.....	Dudley Donaldson
Moonyeen Clare.....	Lois Ogden
Mary Clare.....	Corinne Buck
Wedding Guests.....	Ralph Parker
	John Wingate
	Vern Bricker
	Ilene Gillett
	Jane Grice
	Maribelle Lincoln

First row, left to right: Ilene Gillett, Maribelle Lincoln, Mrs. Duffy (Director), Vera Harrison, Bill Wheeler, Lois Ogden, Jack Baker, Daniel Hiatt, Helen Armstrong, Corinne Buck, Jane Grice. Second row, left to right: Vern Bricker, Donald Orwig, John Wingate, Dudley Donaldson, Ralph Parker, Billy Dwyer (Curtain Speech).



JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The Junior Class of the Avon High School, under the able direction of Mrs. Ruby Duffy, presented on April 11 and 12 their class play, "Love Your Neighbor," a comedy in three acts. The story developed upon the pending marriage of Tessy Vashki, the eldest daughter of the household, who has returned from college with a degree and a fiance. The neighbor, Johnny Jones, an ex-marine, and his bees added confusion to the Vashki home and to Tessy's heart. The third act developed in favor of all concerned. Johnny won the affection of Tessy, much to the delight of the relatives of Oswald Frederick, who can leave the town in the "sticks" of Iowa and stay in the city.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Wingy Vashki	Elmer Howard
Dora Vashki	Pauline Fullerton
Flora Vashki	Virginia Hampton
Emil Vashki	Cedric Dowell
Anna Vashki	Alberta Reihm
Biddy Brady	Anita Moon
Mrs. Jones	Betty Hite
Tessy Vashki	Lois Smick
Luke Watson	Richard Suter
Oswald Frederick	Ray Carrico
Johnny Jones	Bud Alden
Mrs. Frederick	Patty Butler
Mrs. Bixby	Roberta Powell
Maxey (the chauffeur)	Ray Lock
Judge Patrick	Donny Myers
Percival Ping	Merlin Nichols
Grandma Vashki	Beverly Allen
Sarabelle (a cousin)	Adeline Ethington
Zuvabelle (a cousin)	Marjorie Whisler
Dixie Jones	Mary McVay



First row, left to right: Merlin Nichols, Ray Carrico, Elmer Howard, Donny Myers, John Wall. Second row: Mrs. Ruby Duffy, Director; Patty Butler, Marjorie Whisler, Mary McVay, Eetty Hite, Alberta Reihm, Beverly Allen, Adeline Ethington, Lois Smick. Third row: Roberta Powell, Virginia Hampton, Pauline Fullerton, Cedric Dowell, Anita Moon, Ray Lock, Dick Suter, Bud Alden.

LIBRARY

The Avon High School Library has approximately 2800 books. The books are shelved in a separate room, in which there is a desk to charge out books and four tables for student use.

Reference books are used in the library. The magazine rack is kept in the study hall and magazines are signed out on a clip board on this rack for a period.

Student librarians, in shifts, take care of charging out books and keeping shelves dusted. A few student librarians are able to help with the accessioning and cataloguing of new books. The library is very adequate in books, magazines and reference materials that are up to date. The Agriculture and Home Economics departments have their books in their respective rooms with a charge file. However, the cataloguing and inventory passes through the main library.

Members of the Librarians' club are Ray Carrico, Cedric Dowell, Jack Baker, Marvin Johnson, Paul McVay, Jane Grice, Anita Moon, Helen Armstrong, Corinne Buck, Ralph Parker, Mary McVay, Margaret Wilson, Bill Jackson, Marjorie Browne, Elsie McVey, Alberta Reihm, Pauline Fullerton, Elmer Howard, Louis Moon, Tommy Williamson, Lois Smick, Ilene Gillett, Delores Eaton, Roberta Powell, Jackie Luper, Norma Jones, Marilyn Sorrells, Frances Ray, Carol Lee, Cynthia Sailer, Carl Ehresman, Kenny Alden, and John Wall.

First row, left to right: Elmer Howard, Ilene Gillett, Deloris Eaton, Louis Moon, Mrs. Duffy, Anita Moon, Corinne Buck, Jane Grice. Second row: Paul McVay, Marvin Johnson, Bill Jackson, Elsie McVey, Margaret Wilson, Marjorie Browne, Ray Carrico, Helen Armstrong, Carol Lee, Francis Ray, Cynthia Sailer, Marilyn Sorrells. Third row: Cedric Dowell, Tommy Williamson, Carl Ehresman, Ralph Parker, Mary Ellen McVay, Lois Smick, Alberta Reihm, Pauline Fullerton, Norma Jones, Jackie Luper, Roberta Powell. Not in picture, Jack Baker, Kenny Alden, John Wall.



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HARVEST BALL & SENIOR PARTY

The F. F. A. held its annual Harvest Ball with the help of the Senior Class, October 4, 1946.

In the afternoon a parade of floats to the football field was sponsored by the F. F. A. A prize was given for the best float. The Junior Class won first place, the Freshmen and Sophomore Classes tied for second place.

The football team played the Homecoming game with Abingdon beating them 7-0.

The Harvest Ball began at seven o'clock with dancing. The initiation of the Freshmen by the Seniors was held from eight to nine o'clock. A quartet composed of Bud Alden, Dan Hiatt, Vern Bricker, and Dudley Donaldson sang several songs during the evening.

At ten o'clock the main event of the evening took place—the crowning of the Queen. The girl voted to be crowned Queen was Verna Bovard who is a Freshman. In her court were the following candidate queens: Seniors, Corinne Buck and Marjorie Browne; Juniors, Alberta Reihm and Betty Hite; Sophomores, Marlene Mitchell and Mildred Brown; Freshman, Clarice Watson. In the afternoon each queen received a flower to wear as she rode on the Queen Float.

Another important event was the drawing of the Spotted Poland China barrow, turkey and a pair of bantams. The lucky winners of these prizes did not have to attend the Harvest Ball to receive them.

The decoration was done by the F. F. A. The motif used was Autumn. A large shock of corn surrounded with pumpkins was sitting in the center. Strung leaves were used for a false ceiling. Refreshments of apple cider and cookies were served to the guests.

JUNIOR PARTY

Wednesday, November 27 was the girls' night to chase their men. The event that prompted such action was the Juniors' Sadie Hawkins Day Party. The guests were invited to attend in costume of a comic strip character. Recognition of best costumes was given to Shirley Vernoy as Mammie Yocum; Virginia Hampton as Daisy May; Hod O'Hern as Pappy Yocum and Tommy Williamson as Little Abner. The Juniors presented skits with a mountain setting to carry out their theme of the night. The big event of the evening was the Sadie Hawkins Day Chase. Dancing was enjoyed the remainder of the evening.

SOPHOMORE PARTY

A St. Patrick's Day theme was carried out in the Sophomore Party, March 14, in the study hall of our high school. All decorations carried out the traditional green of St. Patrick's Day.

Entertainment was provided by the Sophomores for their guests in the form of a short skit, vocal numbers, and an Irish Folk Dance.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. At 10 o'clock the grand march ended a successful Sophomore Party.

F. H. A. - F. F. A. SKATING PARTY

The F. F. A. was host to the F. H. A. at a skating party, held Wednesday night, January 8, 1947, at the Avondale lake.

Most of the guests coasted down the long hill into the lake.

Several of the guests skated for a short time, but the ice was not in good condition for skating.

The F. F. A. boys built a fire for the guests to warm themselves by and later hot dogs were roasted over the coals.

Everyone departed, after spending an enjoyable evening as the guests of the F. F. A.

SLUMBER PARTY

The F. H. A. girls held a slumber party in the Home Economics Department, September 26, 1946. Activities of the party were started at 4:30 when the members met at the school building and hiked to Lake Avondale for supper. Hot Dogs, potato salad, cheese sandwiches and ice cream were served. At 6:30 the party journeyed back to the school building. During the evening both formal and informal initiation of the new members was held. A lunch was served before going to bed, and the members were allowed to study until 11:45, time for lights out. Reveille was sounded at 6:00 A. M. After breakfast was served and the department cleaned, memories of a pleasant slumber party were left.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

The Junior-Senior Prom was given Saturday, May 3, in the high school auditorium.

The music was furnished by the Andy Mikita orchestra. The theme of the prom was "Moonlight and Roses." The decorations were in keeping with the theme. The class colors of blue and white were carried out in the ceiling effect. The programs were also blue and white.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Future Homemakers of America held a Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 9, to entertain their mothers. There were approximately fifty-five mothers and daughters present.

In the decorations they carried out their color scheme of pink and white. Also, in the invitations a pink carnation was placed, which is the club flower.

The entertainment consisted of a Welcome by Marjorie Whistler, our club president; the Invocation by Miss Hughes; and several vocal and instrumental numbers by Adeline Ethington, Clarice Watson, Vera Harrison, and Mary McVay.

A style show was held in which the girls in the F. H. A. modeled and exhibited the garments they have made in Home Economics class.

Our menu for our three-course meal was:

I

Fruit Cup Cocktail

II

Fried Chicken

Parsley Potatoes

Green Peas

Mother's Day Salad

Radish Rosettes

Hot Rolls Butter

III

Strawberry Sundies

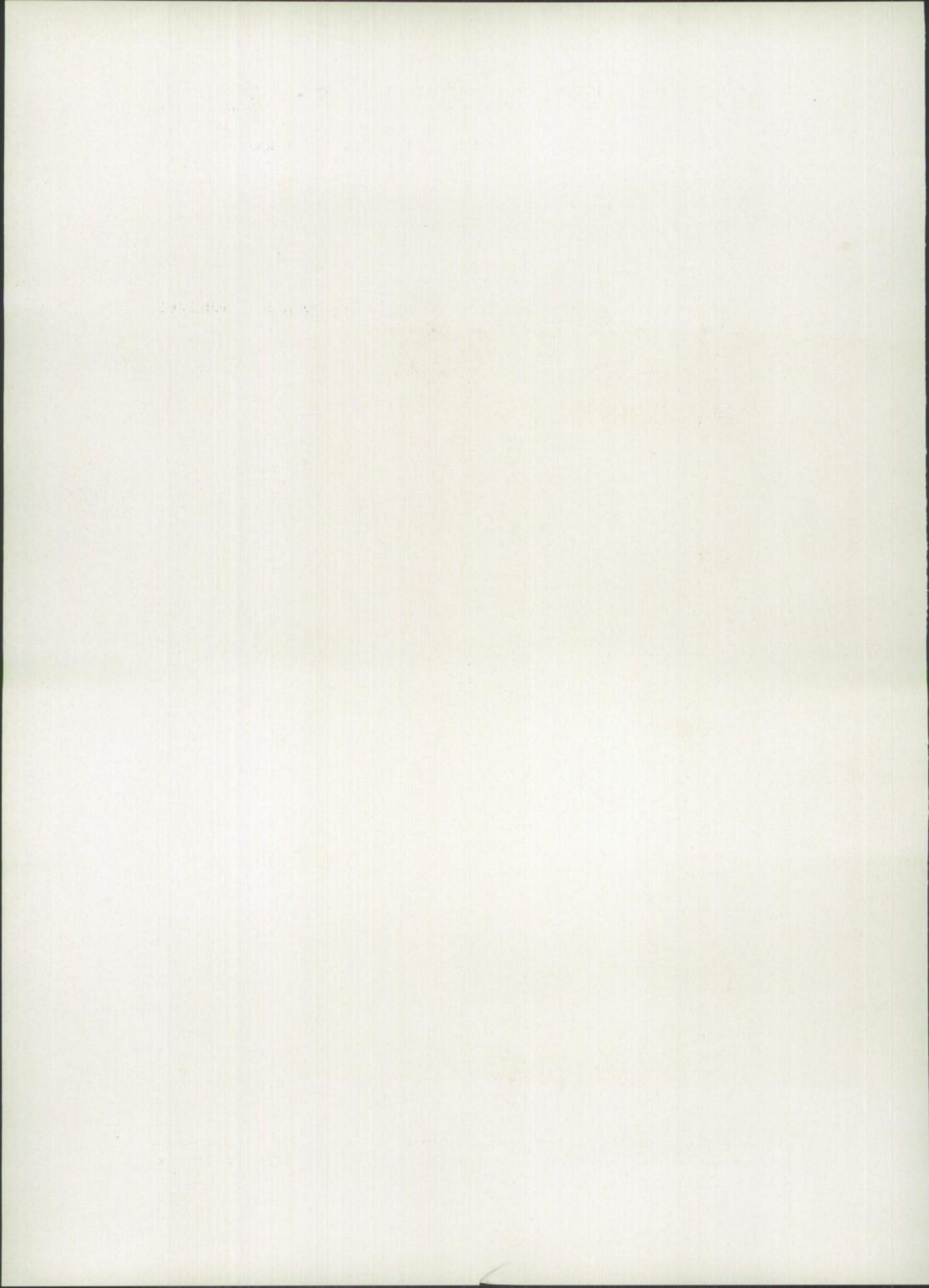
Coffee

Pink and White Mints

FRESHMAN PARTY

May 16 was the date of the Freshmen Party with a "Cotton Ball" theme. The southern theme was carried out in skits by Freshmen in costume. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed by the group.

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CALENDAR

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3—Freshmen were all alone today. Good chance to become acquainted.
- 4—We all had school for half a day. Boy those teachers.
- 5—School all day. All there seems to be is Freshmen.
- 6—Friday at last. Two days vacation.
- 9—Study hall seats assigned. Who is your neighbors? Oh brother!
- 10—Very hot day. Football season is on.
- 11—F. H. A. was organized today.
- 12—Cheer leaders chosen. Had pep session.
- 13—Game with Bushnell, 0-0. We tried anyway.
- 16—Scrimmage with Hitchcock Jr. High. We won, 18-0.
- 17—Why oh why do we get so money tests. And all in one day.
- 18—F. H. A. members getting ready for initiating new members. Man talked to Seniors.
- 19—Had group meetings. Chose class officers.
- 20—Game with Cuba. Avon 50, Cuba 0. Band marched.
- 23—More tests.
- 24—Choose harvest queens and student council members today.
- 25—Seniors are trying to choose a play.
- 26—F. H. A. members had slumber party in honor of new members.
- 27—Game with Macomb Academy, 6-6.

OCTOBER

- 1—Everybody planning floats. Seniors planning freshman initiation.
- 2—Gee whiz but it's cold!
- 3—Freshman initiated today. We all had one grand time.
- 4—Game with Abingdon. Avon 7, Abingdon 0. Had harvest ball. Congratulations go to Verna.
- 7—Had first library meeting.
- 8—Very lovely weather.
- 9—Big game tomorrow. Hope we win.
- 10—Game with Roseville. We lost, 12-0, but it was a good game.
First edition of Smear came out today.
- 11—No school today. Teachers' institute.
- 14—Had try-outs for Senior play. Learn those lines.
- 15—Play practice. Am tired already.
- 16—Mr. Olson was absent. That meant a test in Physics.
- 17—Report cards. How did you all do?
- 18—Game with Aledo. Thirty-nine to six in Aledo's favor. Took bus load of kids.
- 21—Seconds played Cuba and won, 19-6.
- 22—Football players practiced under lights at Abingdon. Had group meetings.
- 23—Seniors still practicing.

- 24—Game at Knoxville. We lost 20-0. Band played.
- 25—Where did that green football hood go? A \$5 reward is offered.
- 28—Juniors looked at rings.
- 29—Hallowe'en is coming. Where did that bicycle rack come from?
- 30—Horns are honking? Isn't that rather hard on the batteries?
- 31—We had a house for rent but somebody has taken it away!

NOVEMBER

- 1—Had last football game with Alexis. We won, 31-0. Part of band went to Abingdon in P. M. to play.
- 4—Basketball practice has begun. Here's to a successful season.
- 5—Who likes crackers and peanut butter? It's those Seniors again.
- 6—Seniors sold tickets for play tonight. Had a snack afterwards. Thanks Mrs. Duffy. Five track members chosen to go to Alexis.
- 7—Snowed and it's plenty cold too.
- 8—Smear was published today. How did my name get in the scandal column?
- 11—No school because of water system.
- 12—Play practice again. Not much longer to go.
- 13—Had dress rehearsal tonight.
- 14—Last play practice.
- 15—Play tonight. Had full house.
- 16—Play again. Was better than last night.
- 20—Everybody has workbooks in English.
- 21—Cleared \$100 on play.
- 22—First basketball game with Prairie City. We won!
- 26—Lost game with Farmington. Need I mention the score?
- 27—Juniors had school party tonight.
- 28—No school. Happy Thanksgiving.
- 29—Game with Vermont. We won.

DECEMBER

- 2—Mr. Olson and the School Board went visiting.
- 3—Lost game with London Mills.
- 5—Report cards. What did I do to deserve this?
- 6—Lost game with Knoxville. Had pep session.
- 10—Game at Fairview 26—Avon 27.
- 11—Mr. Olson and Board went visiting again to get new ideas on school buildings.
- 13—Took three buses to Roseville. Can you imagine that. We won!
- 16—Schoolmasters met at Canton.
- 17—Supervisors were here today. Were served dinner by Home Ec. II Class.
- 18—Had visitors today.
- 19—Mrs. Davis was sick.

- 20—Won game with Aledo. Christmas vacation started.
- 22—Team practiced at Galesburg for tournament.
- 26—Avon played London Mills and won by a score of 24-23.
- 28—Played Corpus Christi in the afternoon. After a "sudden death" overtime, we won 37-35.

We were beaten by a strong DeFue team in the evening by a score of 47-41.

- 30—Prairie City Tournament started. Prairie City beat us two points. 23-21.
- 31—Avon and Bardolph fought for 3rd place honors and we won, 36-21.

JANUARY

- 6—Back to school again. It's hard to study after all the vacation.
- 8—F. F. A. gave the F. H. A. a party. We had oodles of fun.
- 9—Boomerang staff met.
- 10—Won basketball game with Alexis.
- 13—Don O. returned after long illness.
- 14—Had pep session. Won game with Cuba. Good work.
- 15—Won basketball scrimmage with Maquon.
Deadline for Senior term papers.
- 16—Had primary election for D. A. R.
- 17—Very exciting game with Knoxville. After some thrilling moments, we won, 39-33.
- 20—Are you studying for Semesters?
- 21—Mr. Olson and board attended a meeting.
- 22—Farmington defeated Avon, 43-28, in the County Tournament.
- 23—Semester tests.
- 24—Semester tests.
- 27—Had several class changes for 2nd Semester.
- 28—Won game with Prairie City.
- 29—No school today because of storm.
- 30—No school yet today. Game with Roseville postponed.
- 31—Miss Hughes' birthday.

FEBRUARY

- 3—Lost important game with Roseville.
- 4—Lost game with Victoria. What's the matter!
- 5—Had pictures taken for Yearbook. Smile!
- 7—Lost game with Aledo.
- 11—Won a game with Media.
- 12—Had school today to make up day missed in January.
- 14—Basketball game with Abingdon. We lost by one point.
- 17—Band festival in Canton.
- 21—Game with Alexis. We won. Imagine!
- 25—Basketball boys went to Macomb to practice for tournament.
- 26—Chorus practice for chorus program.
- 28—Very cold. We had chorus program. Very good I guess.

MARCH

- 3—Seniors got their calling cards today.
- 4—Lost game with Macomb in regional tournament.
- 5—Mr. Olson is not here today.
- 10—Chorus Contest tonight. Congratulations go to Vera, Danny, Mary Ellen and Roy.
- 11—Board meeting tonight.
- 12—Choose next year's F. H. A. officers.
- 13—F. H. A. skating party in Abingdon.
- 14—Sophomore party. A very good one too.
- 15—F. H. A. girls went to Farmington to rally.
- 17—Another Board meeting.
- 20—Some boys went to Champaign to tournament.
- What is that foul smell in study hall?
- 22—F. H. A. has bake sale. Made almost \$30.
- 24—Had a storm today.
- 26—Mr. Olson is not here.
- 29—Solo and Instrumental contest at Macomb.

APRIL

- 4—No school. Good Friday vacation.
- 9—Talk on nursing at Cottage Hospital.
- 11—Junior Play.
- 12—Junior Play.
- 15—County music contest at Lewistown.
- 17—Rose Bowl Football game shown.
- 19—District Music Contest.
- 22—Another music contest at Lewistown.
- 29—Roseville, Abingdon and Avon had track meet here.

MAY

- 3—Junior Prom.
- 6—County track meet at Lewistown.
- 9—Mother and Daughter banquet.
- 10—State finals in music contest.
- 13—Little Six track meet at Monmouth.
- 16—Freshmen party.
- 25—Baccalaureate services.
- 27—Semester Exams.
- 28—Semester Exams.
- 29—Commencement.

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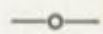
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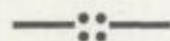
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